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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

SUBJECT: ACWDL - EXPANDED MEDI-CAL CARD INFORMATION

This is to alert counties that the Department of Health Services (DHS) will be sending a notice with the August Medi-Cal card to eligibles with Other Health Coverage.

The notice explains that the Medi-Cal card may contain the name of the eligible's insurance company, policy number and scope of coverage information. Scope of coverage information appears as a series of codes after the initials "COV" in the large box of the card. The notice also informs eligibles that the codes will assist providers in determining which services must be billed to the insurance.

The term COMPREHENSIVE is also explained in the notice. It will appear on the card if the eligible has cost avoided health insurance but the Medi-Cal program lacks information about the scope of coverage. This designation (COMPREHENSIVE) alerts providers to bill the other health insurance for all services provided. Insurance information and scope of coverage will be printed on the cards as this information becomes available to the Department via the health insurance form (DHS 6155) submitted by county staff or through the direct mailing of questionnaires to specific eligibles.

For more information, please refer to ACWDL 91-38.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, call Ms. Cathy Corgiat at (916) 739-3276.

Sincerely,

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Frank S. Martucci, Chief Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Enclosure